

2001 Heat Related Fatalities

For the 4th year, heat ranked as the most deadly weather hazard. In 2001, extreme heat claimed 166 lives, 36% of all fatalities (464). The 10-year average for heat deaths is 219, compared to 88 for floods. In 2001, 76% of the fatalities occurred in permanent homes. The elderly are more susceptible to heat stress and heat stroke, 78% of the victims were more than 50 years of age. Males accounted for 60% of the deaths and females, 40%. Illinois (36), Missouri (30), Pennsylvania (28), and Texas (20) accounted for 114 (69%) of the 166 fatalities.

2001 HEAT RELATED FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>BF</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>MH</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>PH</u>	<u>VE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AR	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
CA	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
IA	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
IL	0	0	0	0	1	0	35	0	36
LA	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
MD	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	5
MI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
MN	1	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	11
MO	0	0	0	0	1	3	21	5	30
MS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
NC	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
NE	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
NV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
NY	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
OK	0	0	0	0	2	1	6	0	9
PA	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	28
TX	0	0	1	0	0	7	10	2	20
WI	0	0	0	0	1	1	8	0	10
TOTAL	1	0	1	0	11	17	126	10	166
PERCENT	1	0	1	0	7	10	76	6	101*

(* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

2001 HEAT RELATED FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	3	4	0	7	4
10 TO 19	0	1	0	1	1
20 TO 29	0	3	0	3	2
30 TO 39	1	6	0	7	4
40 TO 49	2	15	0	17	10
50 TO 59	3	26	0	29	17
60 TO 69	7	16	0	23	14
70 TO 79	24	27	0	51	31
80 TO 89	25	2	0	27	16
90 TO --	1	0	0	1	1
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	66	100	0	166	100
PERCENT	40	60	0	100	

LEGEND

BF - Ball Field
CA - Camping
GF - Golf
MH - Mobile Home
OT - Other/Unknown
OU - Outside Open
PH - Permanent Home
VE - Vehicle